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**For: ENERGY ABSORBING SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES, AND PROCESSES  
FOR THE PRODUCTION OF ENERGY ABSORBING STRUCTURAL  
ELEMENTS**

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## **AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is responsive to the final Office Action mailed on September 27, 2006, for which a petition and fee for a one-month extension of time is being submitted simultaneously herewith. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13.